

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
REQUEST FOR FILING APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)
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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Date: April 9, 2004

This is a request for filing a new PATENT APPLICATION under Rule 53(b) entitled:

A MASK WITH INTEGRAL CUSHION AND FOREHEAD PIECE

without a filing fee and/or without an executed inventor's oath/declaration.

This application is made by the below identified inventor(s). Attached hereto are the following papers:

- ☐ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

Deleted persons:

- 22 pages of specification and claims (including 22 numbered claims), and
20 sheets of accompanying drawing/s for Figures 1 - 27.

- ☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.
☐ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
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, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

- ☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.
☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on _____ in prior application no. _____ filed _____
☒ This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/461,414, filed April 10, 2003, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☐ This application is a ☐ continuation/☐ division/☐ continuation-in-part of Application No. _____, filed _____, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
☐ Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
☐ The prior application is assigned to _____
☐ It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the above parent application(s) by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached, but pursuant to Rule 98(d) copies are not required.
☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.
☐ Please enter the attached preliminary amendment **prior** to calculation of filing fee:

- ☒ Also attached: ☒ **Information Disclosure Statement**; ☐ **Non-Publication Request**; ☐ **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission**; ☐ **Statement deleting Inventor(s) named in prior application**; ☐ **Other**:

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☐ **See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!**

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